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SUBJECT: ENERGY: SWISS POLICY RE OIL AND TRADE

REF: BERN 296 (NOTAL)

1. AS NOTED REFTEL, AMBASSADOR JOLLES, DIRECTOR, SWISS DIVISION OF COMMERCE, HAD CALLED EMBASSY'S ATTENTION TO HIS EFFORTS EXPRESS SWISS INTERNATIONAL OIL POLICY IN CONTEXT OVERALL FOREIGN TRADE POLICY IN JAN 24 SPEECH BEFORE GENEVA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY.

2. JOLLES SAID SWITZERLAND WAS CLOSZLY WATCHING WITH
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GREAT INTEREST CURRENT ATTEMPTS TO BEGIN MULTILATERAL

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DIALOGUE AND ECONOMIC COOPERATION BETWEEN CONSUMER AND PRODUCER COUNTRIES WHICH COULD BE EXTENDED INTO FINANCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL AREAS. BECAUSE OF THE CRITICAL IMPORTANCE OF ENERGY SUPPLY, THE WORLD ECONOMY WOULD BE SUBJECT TO GRAVE DAMAGE SHOULD AN INTERNATIONAL CONCERTED ACTION NOT TAKE PLACE. JOLLES ADDED THAT IT WAS UNNECESSARY TO ALSO POINT OUT, HOWEVER, THAT SWITZERLAND IS ALSO PREPARED TO EXAMINE THE APPROPRIATE ROLE WITHIN THIS GLOBAL APPROACH OF BILATERAL ACTIONS WHICH WOULD PROMOTE DIRECT COOPERATION IN THE INDUSTRIAL AND FINANCIAL AREAS AND WHICH WOULD ASSURE REGULARITY AND SECURITY OF SHIPMENTS. IN THIS CONTEXT, JOLLES CAUTIONED IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO DETERMINE RESPECTIVE ROLES OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS, NOTING THAT LATTER RESPONSIBILE IN SWITZERLAND FOR BULK OF COMMERCIAL TRANSACTIONS.

3. COMMENT: ABOVE JOLLES FORMULATION IS NUANCED AND SOMEWHAT VAGUE, BUT WE BELIEVE BASIC DIRECTION SWISS POLICY CONTINUES, AS REPORTED PREVIOUSLY (BERN 152), STRESS MULTILATERAL APPRAOCH WITH POSSIBLITY OF GREATER DEGREE BILATERALISM WITH PRODUCER COUNTRIES.
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